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1. The troops which landed on the west coast of Korea in the Asan (126-58, 36-52) area are South Korean troops which withdrew by sea from Inchon and Ongjin (125-22, 37-56). Approximately 500 are from Ongjin and approximately 700 are from Inchon.
2. South Korean police in the Asan area believed the troops to be invading forces from North Korea, and evacuated the town. Riots and fights broke out in Asan between the Communists and loyal South Korean civilians. Police in Yesan (126-50, 36-40) also fled because of the invasion rumors. Yesan prisoners broke jail, looted, burned and killed in the town.
3. On 10 July there was no fighting or rioting in Asan or Yesan. Previous disturbances were believed by the South Korean military authorities to be fighting between South and North Korean forces constituting an attempt by the North Koreans to encircle Taejon.

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